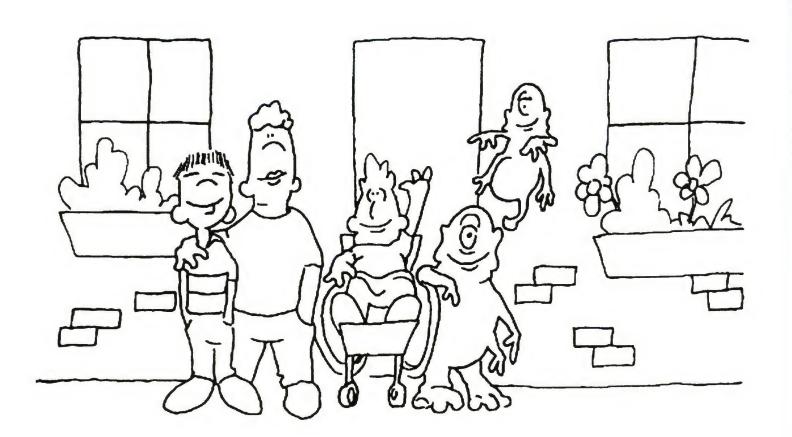
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**Building a Nation of Neighbors** 





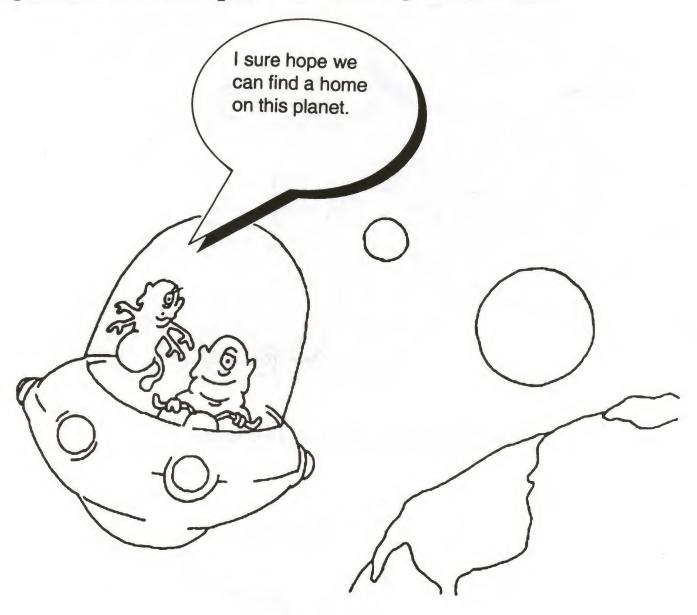
# **A Coloring Book**

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Somewhere near earth, two aliens from the planet Quark are lost in space and looking for a home.



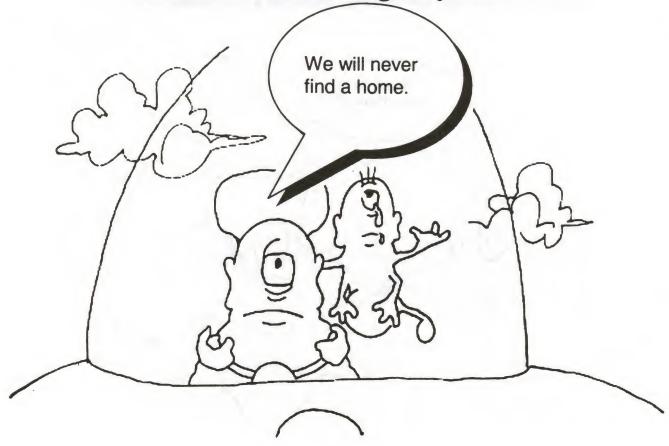
The aliens are amazed by this new land and strange buildings.



The aliens see a house for sale.



The aliens leave feeling very sad.

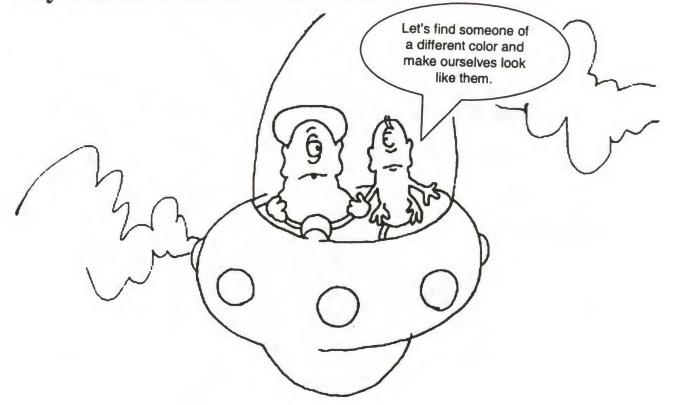


The aliens decide to keep looking for a home.

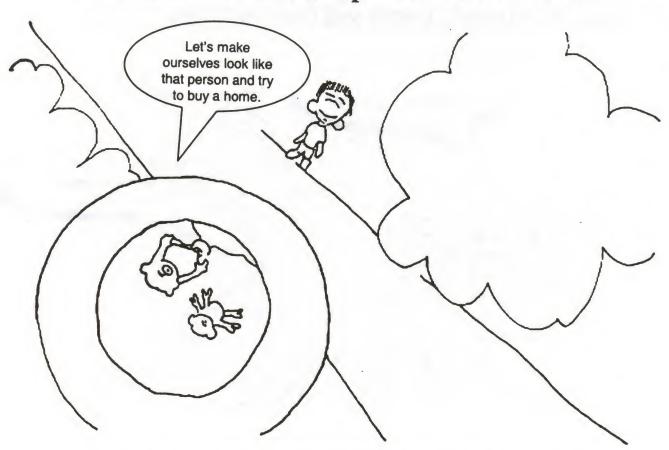




The aliens are puzzled when they learn they can't buy a home because of their color.



The aliens see another person on the street.



The aliens land their spaceship and knock on the door of a home for sale.



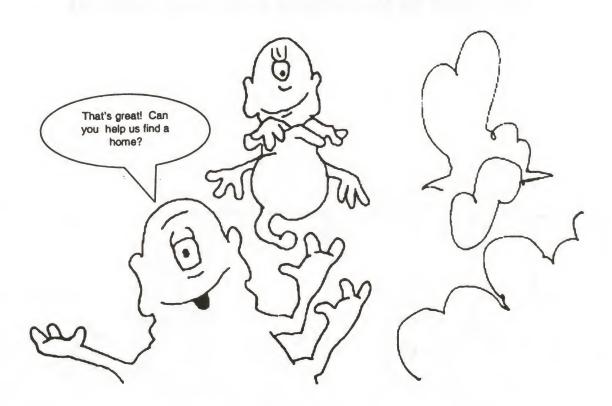
The aliens see a man on wheels and ask him why people won't sell them a home.



The man in the wheelchair is very friendly and tries to help the aliens.

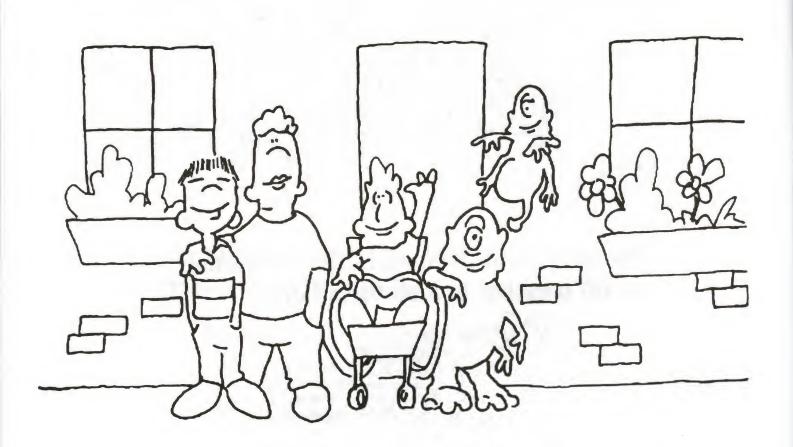


The aliens are happy again! Now they know they can live where ever they want to.



The aliens and the man in the wheelchair set off together to look for a home.





#### **FAIR HOUSING AND YOU!**

What does Fair Housing Mean? Fair Housing means your family has the right to live where your choose. The fair housing laws make it unlawful for anyone to discriminate against your family in the sale, rental, lease or negotiations for real estate property on the basis of your race, color, religion, sex disability, familial states (families with children under age 18), or national origin. Additionally, the Palm Beach County Fair Housing Ordinance makes it unlawful to discriminate based on age, martial status, or sexual orientation.

The Fair Housing Laws protects your family's right to live anywhere they want and can afford to live!

What is "discrimination"? An example of housing discrimination occurs when someone tells your family that they cannot rent an apartment or buy a house because they have children.

A second example of housing discrimination happens when someone tells an African-American or Hispanic family that they have to pay more money for an apartment that a Caucasian family.

A third example of housing discrimination occurs if a blind person is not allowed to rent an apartment because they have a service dog.

Another example of housing discrimination would be if a bank refuses to lend money to someone who wants to buy a house in a minority neighborhood.

And, of course, housing discrimination occurs when people are treated differently because of things they cannot change, like the color of their skin, their sex, or the country of their origin.

Who should be called if you feel that you have been discriminated against?

Your parents, friends, neighbors can call:

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